

Red Berenson Aid To Francis

Red Berenson has been named assistant coach of the Blues and Garry Unger will replace Berenson as team captain, the National Hockey League team announced yesterday.

Berenson, 36 years old, will remain active as a player in addition to assisting general manager-coach Emile Francis.

During the exhibition season, Berenson demonstrated he wasn't anywhere near ready to retire as he led the Blues in scoring with six goals and four assists for 10 points. His linemates, left winger

Ted Irvine and right winger Jerry Butler, tied for second place, each with four goals and four assists for eight points.

In taking over as captain, Unger will become only the fifth player in 10 years to hold that job. Al Arbour was the Blues' original captain, followed in order by Berenson, Jimmy Roberts, Barclay Plager and Berenson again.

Unger has been with the Blues since midway through the 1970-71 season and is second only to Bob Plager in seniority among current players on the team's roster.

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Now the Blues' assistant coach, **Red Berenson** begins his fifteenth NHL season. The Red Baron, one of the Blues' original stars who was traded away and then later reacquired, probably is best remembered for his historic six-goal game in Philadelphia on Nov. 7, 1968.

Larry Patey probably is looking forward to this season more than anyone else on the roster as he seeks to make up for last season when the burden of a series of injuries and his arrival in an unpopular trade were too much to overcome. Based on his exhibition showing, Larry, a newlywed, should win over the fans quite easily this season.

In a long and controversial career, **Derek Sanderson** enjoyed his finest season ever in 1975-76 and is hoping for more of the same. Although bothered by a sore back during training camp, Derek is expected to team with Lefley and again perform his magic with the puck.

The holder of almost all the Blues' career scoring records and the NHL's ironman, team captain **Garry Unger** begins his seventh season with the Blues. He has played in an NHL record 645 consecutive games (424 of them with the Blues).

veteran Red Berenson an assistant coach, with Garry Unger replacing Berenson as the team captain. Berenson, 36 years old, led the Blues in exhibition scoring with 10 points in eight games and will continue as an active player in addition to his duties as assistant to Coach-General Manager Emile Francis.

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Irvine netted the winning goal at 18:19 of the second period when he shovelled a rebound under rookie Toronto goalie Mike Palmateer for a 3-1 lead. Irvine counted assists on Red Berenson's second period goal and Jerry Butler's third period marker. Pierre Plante got two goals, the Blues' first marker at 18:05 of the opening period and their final goal with eight seconds left in the game. Blues captain Gary Unger scored the other goal.

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It is a sign of the players' respect for coach-general manager Emile Francis that a player such as Patey accepts his part-time status so graciously.

"I think everyone on the team has a great respect for Emile," said team captain Garry Unger. "We might not always agree with what he does, but we're convinced he's doing it for the good of the team, so we don't question him, we just give it the best shot we can."

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Blues register 'very big win'

CHICAGO (UPI) — Emile Francis, the St. Louis Blues' general manager and coach, was elated.

"This was a very big win for us. The biggest of the year," he said after his Blues downed the Chicago Black Hawks 5-3 Wednesday night. "We should have buried them when we jumped into a 3-0 lead but they took advantage of a couple miscues and were right back in the game."

He said a fight may have helped spur the Blues to victory.

"Our guys have the killer instinct and I'd say Bob Gassoff's fight with Grant Mulvey got us going real good. Now we've got a six-point lead over Chicago, one game in hand and they have to play us the final two games of our series on St. Louis ice."

St. Louis captain Garry Unger scored the Blues' third first-period goal and set up Gilles Marotte with the goahead goal early in the final period.

"We shouldn't have let them come back after being down 3-0, but we seemed to play harder

after they tied us. Maybe if our games were close we'd do much better."

Hawks Coach Bill White offered no excuses.

"I suppose I should take the rap," he said. "Some of our guys weren't going and I kept playing them."

"It was a big game and we just weren't ready," White said. "We got caught in the first period and it was catch-up hockey all night."

Francis said that while the National Hockey League's Conn Smythe division has been criticized as being weak, the Blues can compete with any team.

"Don't kid yourself with that weak Smythe Division stuff," he said. "We'll beat a lot of teams' butts before this season is over."

Marotte's goal, which snapped a 3-3 tie, came with 3:35 gone in the third period, moments after Dick Redmond and Stan Mikita beat St. Louis goalie Doug Grant with goals in a 13-second span to tie the game.

This isn't to condone brawling, but if the Blues had a little more feeling for one another, if Bob Gassoff didn't have to do all the dirty work by himself, the team might be better off.

Garry Unger, appointed captain at the beginning of the season, has been leading by example, working harder than usual, in recent weeks. Perhaps not coincidentally, Unger's scoring revival (six goals in the last eight games) has come since Derek Sanderson was dispatched to the minor leagues.

When Francis took over as coach and general manager of the Blues, he promised to bring stability to the franchise. He has delivered on the promise.

But he also promised to give us a Blues team that was more consistent than those in recent seasons and he also promised to develop a strong power-play unit.

The Blues have not been more consistent and under Francis have compiled a record (21-22-5) that isn't even as good as the mark (17-17-9) the team had last

"THERE WASN'T MUCH ten ion for a 1-0 game," said Harvey Bennett, who took the Flyers' season scoring lead (2-2-4) against St. Louis with his assist on Ross Lonsberry's game-deciding goal midway in the first period. "I wasn't overly impressed with the way they played. Of course, I haven't been that impressed with them for a year and a half."

✓ **Garry Unger, the Blues' captain** who accompanied the Flyers' All-Star delegation on their fog-delayed nine-hour trip from Vancouver to St. Louis Wednesday, was impressed with his fellow travelers.

Boston's Rick Middleton scored on Peter McNab's picture-perfect feed to establish the 2-1 Bruins advantage early in the final period.

Blues captain Garry Unger retaliated a minute later, however, on Pierre Plante's pass and Bob MacMillan sent St. Louis ahead two minutes afterward with a 30-foot slapshot from the left faceoff circle.

The Blues, who has lost four games in a row, increased their lead in the NHL's Smythe Division to three points over the idle Chicago Black Hawks despite the tie.

Cheevers, naturally, saw the play differently.

"You're allowed two fakes," he said. "I caught it, dropped it and then passed it to Brad (Park). I made one fake and you're allowed two."

When questioned whether he was certain the rule book spelled out the "two fake" rule, Cheevers replied, "Oh, I don't know, they keep changing the rules all the time."

The NHL rule book, surprisingly, never spells out what it requires for the referee to blow the puck dead, but rule 57 (a) does state that "a goalkeeper who holds the puck with his hands for longer than three seconds shall be given a minor penalty."

Did Cheevers hold the puck for three seconds?

"I thought so, but I guess three seconds is a pretty long time," said Blues captain Garry Unger, who skated out to question Harris why the play was allowed. "I guess it doesn't matter anyway, because he (Harris) said Cheevers skated out to the blueline with the puck on his stick."

BLOOMINGTON, Minn., March 28 — The Blues had a little get together after their arrival here last night.

Coach Emile Francis called a rare evening practice session for 10 o'clock, but had all the players report to the dressing room at the Metropolitan Sports Center at 8:30.

Because it doesn't take an hour and a half to put on their uniforms and lace up their skates, the players obviously were being called in for something other than a routine practice.

"One thing's for sure, it wasn't to celebrate clinching first place," said Francis of the lengthy meeting before the team went on the ice to practice.

In addition to delivering a stern lecture, Francis stripped Garry Unger of the team captaincy. The coach reportedly told the players, "None of you deserve to be captain."

Unger would not comment on the matter today. Francis said, "We don't need any chiefs. We need more Indians. We'll have no captain the rest of the season."

Rules require that a team have a captain for each game. Francis said a captain would be designated game-by-game.

St. Louis Blues Coach Emile Francis removed Garry Unger as his team's captain, explaining that "no one has been playing well enough to deserve being captain." Francis, however, said the move was not a disciplinary one aimed at Unger, but instead was an attempt

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designated captain for last night's game, replacing Garry Unger, who was removed as captain by Francis at a team meeting Sunday night.

"We don't have a captain," said Francis. "We'll designate someone else every game on a rotating basis. We have plenty of players to go around."

Unger said he was relieved to be relieved as captain.

"I feel like a piano's been lifted off my back," said Unger. "Being captain is just an aggravation. Now I feel a lot less pressure and can worry only about

playing my game. Being captain or not being captain isn't important, winning is all that matters and maybe by not being captain I'll be able to play better and help us win more games."

With last night's victory, Minnesota climbed into a tie with the idle Vancouver Canucks for the third and final Smythe Division playoff spot. The Blues already have clinched first place in the Smythe Division.

Chicago, second with 63 points, would tie the Blues with 89 points if the Black Hawks would win their three remaining games and the Blues lost their final three games. But the Blues would win the title on the basis of more victories, 30-29.

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Plager Fails To Get Contract, Assignment

Blues' defenseman Bob Plager failed to receive a contract or assignment as the club distributed its talent yesterday in preparation for opening training camp in Port Huron, Mich.

Plager's contract ran out at the end of last season and he came into camp unsigned. Not getting a contract and not being assigned to one of the farm teams means he is a free agent.

Plager has been with the club for 10 years and played in their first game as an NHL franchise.

A total of 22 players have been as-

signed to the varsity for the remainder of the training season.

Veteran center Red Berenson, who served as assistant coach last season, has been named team captain, filling a spot that had been empty since late last season when Garry Unger was removed as captain. Jimmy Roberts will serve as alternate captain.

The goalies retained are Eddie Johnston, Ed Staniowski and Yves Belanger.

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Photo by Bruce Bennett

Garry Unger of St. Louis one of many new NHL captains.



his knee a year ago.

Expansion veteran Simon Nole, who started in the NHL with the first Philadelphia Flyers and lasted long enough to play on their first Stanley Cup team, then switched to expansion Kansas City, is the choice of Johnny Wilson at Colorado.

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NHL Team Captains

ATL.	— PAT QUINN
BOS.	— JOHN BUCYK
BUF.	— JIM SCHOENFELD
CHI.	— STAN MIKITA
CLE.	— BOB STEWART
COLO.	— SIMON NOLET
DET.	— DANNY GRANT
L.A.	— MIKE MURPHY
MINN.	— BILL HOGABOAM
MTL.	— YVAN COURNOYER
ISL.	— ZD WESTFALL
RAN.	— PHIL ESPOSITO
PIT.	— BOBBY CLARK
PITT.	— RON SCHOCK
ST. L.	— GARRY UNGER
TOR.	— DARRYL SITTLER
VAN.	— CHRIS ODDIEFSON
WAS.	— YVON LABRE

Three of the NHL's newly appointed team captains are Mike Murphy, left, of L.A. Kings, Vancouver's Chris Oddiefson in center, and Garry Unger of St. Louis, who replaced Red Berenson after the present season started.

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The Blues finished below .500, so Francis had his first losing season as a coach in the National Hockey League. In nine seasons as coach of the New York Rangers Francis never had a losing season, although in those nine seasons he never won a division title as he did with his losing record as coach of the Blues.

Stripping Unger of his captain's title was not primarily a disciplinary action for Unger, although apparently Francis and Unger are disappointed in one another as player and coach this season. But rather the removal of Unger was intended to relieve him of some pressure. Francis made the move after he heard grumbling from other players about the captain's responsibility for the team's losing.

"I'd given it a lot of thought," Francis said, "because there was an inclination on the part of some to point the finger at

the captain."

Unger was somewhat wistful about losing the distinction but said he was relieved.

"Francis is the boss, and it's better this way," said Unger. "There's really no use for a captain these days because you can't talk to the referee. Being captain is just an aggravation. Now I feel a lot less pressure."

With no replacement named for Unger, Francis began using a designated captain for each game, and Larry Patey, Claude Larose and Chuck Lefley served in that role. Presumably they were playing to Francis' standards.

The Blues played with some revived spirit in a 5-4 loss to the Minnesota North

GARRY UNGER... F

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Berenson Appointed Captain Third Time

ST. LOUIS —

You've heard of a guy being team captain once, maybe even twice but never three times.

Veterian Red Berenson has been named the 1977-78 captain of the Blues by new coach Leo Boivin, marking the third time the redhead has worn the coveted C on his jersey.

Berenson replaces Gary Unger as team ice leader. Unger was removed as captain near the end of last season. Berenson was first appointed St. Louis captain in 1970-71 and again in 1975-76 after returning to the Blues in a trade from Detroit.

GARRY UNGER 30 5-11 170**Forward**

The "Ironman" . . . Holds NHL record for durability by playing in 733 consecutive games since Feb. 24, 1968 . . . "There have been times when I was hurt and could have begged off from playing but I've never been one to give up easily," he says . . . Ten-year veteran has scored 315 career goals . . . Has scored 30 or more goals six years in a row but his scoring production slipped last season . . . Born Dec. 7, 1947, in Edmonton . . . Off-ice activities include farming, ranch-style life and horseback riding . . . Smooth, graceful skater . . . Doesn't shy away from rough-going in corners and along boards . . . Was relieved of role as Blues' captain late last season . . . "The weight of being captain was a burden that affected his play," says general manager-coach Emile Francis.



Year	Club	GP	G	A	Pts.
1967-68	Tor. Det.	28	6	11	17
1968-69	Detroit	76	24	20	44
1969-70	Detroit	76	42	24	66
1970-71	Det.-St.L.	79	28	28	56
1971-72	St. Louis	78	36	34	70
1972-73	St. Louis	78	41	39	80
1973-74	St. Louis	78	33	35	68
1974-75	St. Louis	80	36	44	80
1975-76	St. Louis	80	39	44	83
1976-77	St. Louis	80	30	27	57
Totals		733	315	306	621

On the ice, Francis finally won the divisional crown—which had eluded him in 11 seasons as coach of the New York Rangers—despite the fact that the Blues were seven games under .500 in the weak Smythe Division. In the playoffs, St. Louis was swept by Montreal in four straight games.

The Blues scored 239 goals and allowed 276. If they want to maintain their hold in the Smythe division, they'll have to reverse those figures.

No one St. Louis player was in the NHL's top 25 scorers last year and normally dependable Gary Unger was such a disappointment that Francis removed him from his responsibility as team captain. Unger, a center, still got 30 goals and 27 assists, but hustling Bob MacMillan topped the Blues in scoring with 19 goals and 39 assists for 58 points. Larry Patey surprised everyone with 21-29-50 and ancient Red Berenson did all right with 49. Veteran Claude Larose punched home 29 goals and added 19 assists for a super 48 point year.

Hockey players go to the stats each day like some people thumb first thing to the horoscopes; they check the point totals, the plus-blows each year?

For those of you who thrive on such figures have you noticed a number next to **Captain Garry Unger** 29-year-old 5'11", 170 pound center of the St. Louis Blues who was traded away by the Maple Leafs in 1968. As of early December, 1976, Unger had played in 667 consecutive NHL games. Each time Garry plays he establishes an all time League record, surpassing Andy Hebenton's record of 630 successive games. That fact, of course, may not mean much to those of you who find figures too dry for your emotional tastes. Unger is eminently memorable. For Garry can now be considered the Lou Gehrig of hockey, the iron man of a sport which is much faster, tougher and rougher than baseball, and most anything else for that matter. Unger is hockey's Superman, the Six Million Dollar Man of his sport.

One of Francis' first moves was to name Unger the team captain, in a rather obvious attempt to tell Unger he was important and show him that he was expected to be a team leader.

But it wasn't a role to which Unger, an individualist all the way, responded favorably. Although the Blues won the Smythe Division title that season, all was not well.

In fact, the division title was clinched mathematically on a night when the Blues played one of their most lethargic games of the season in a loss to the Islanders in New York, with the clinching coming when Chicago also lost that night.

The next night, after the Blues had traveled from New York to Minnesota, Francis called for a practice at 10 p.m. It was after that practice that Francis relieved Unger of his duties as captain,

A lot of people misunderstand a lot of things about me. I've always had a carefree attitude about things, but that doesn't mean I can't be serious.

HI: Were you surprised when Francis named you the team captain at the beginning of this season?

UNGER: Yes, I was, because Red Berenson had been our captain, but Emile wanted him to be his assistant coach, so he named me captain. It's no big thing, really,

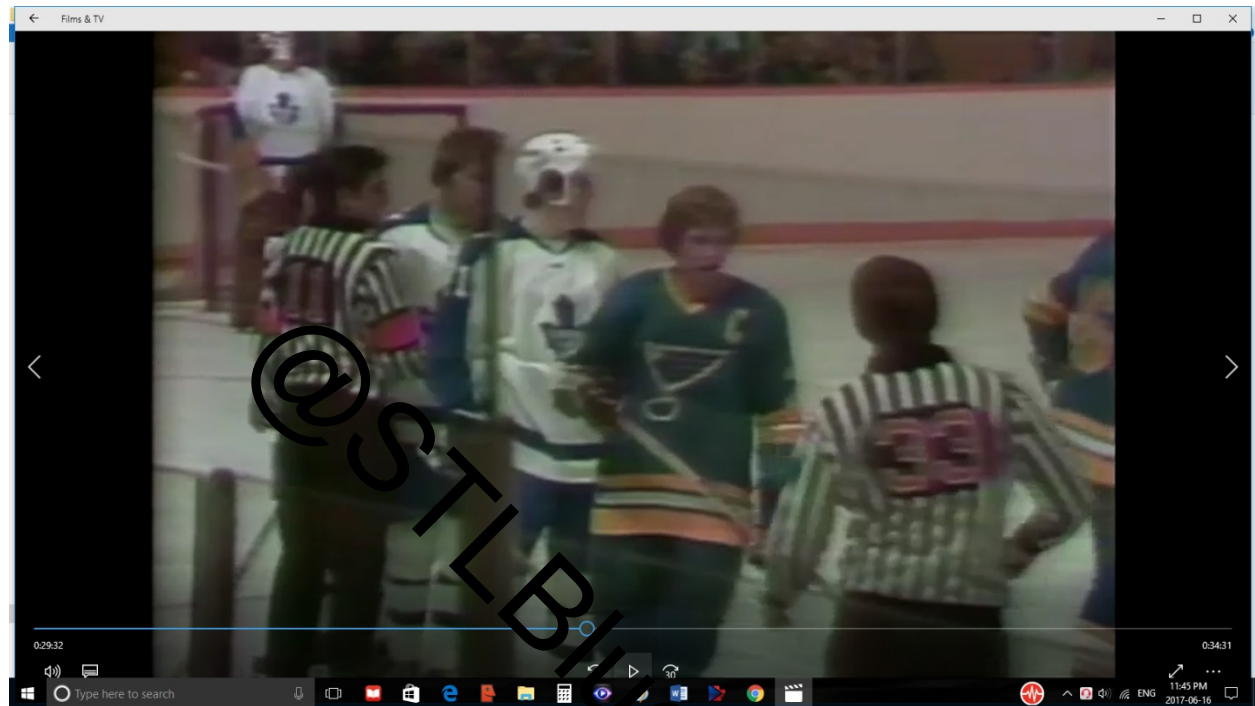


Considering the thumping, slashing nature of hockey, and the fierce enthusiasm Garry Unger brings to his work, for the Blues' captain to go a season without missing any games would seem highly commendable.

That he should have strung nearly 700 games together over a span of eight-plus seasons — without ever sitting one night out, especially in an era when employees don't always feel obligated to put forth a day's work for a day's pay — is little short of remarkable.

Yet Unger, whose National Hoc-

St Louis Blues vs Toronto Maple Leafs Dec 15 1976 (screen shot from video)



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No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	5	236	15	0	0	3.81
31	Ed Staniowski	G	8	424	30	0	0	4.25
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
2	Rich Smith	D	9	0	1	1	4	
3	Bob Gasoff	D	11	0	2	21	37	
4	Bruce Apleck	D	11	0	2	2	2	
5	Bob Plager	D	3	0	1	1	2	
6	Larry Patay	C	11	1	4	5	4	
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	11	6	9	15	10	
8	Red Berenson	C	11	4	4	8	2	
10	Rod Seiling	D	11	0	4	4	4	
12	Claude Larose	RW	11	5	2	7	2	
15	Gilles Marotte	D	8	0	0	0	6	
16	Pierre Plante	RW	11	7	3	10	10	
17	Jerry Butler	RW	11	1	4	5	17	
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	10	1	1	2	0	
19	Derek Sanderson . . .	C	10	2	5	7	2	
21	Bob MacMillan	LW	11	6	15	15	4	
22	Bob Horn	D	11	1	7	7	8	

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ST. LOUIS BLUES

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	6	292	16	0	0	3.29
31	Ed Stanowski	G	10	488	32	0	0	3.93

		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Rock Smith	D	10	0	1	1	6
3	Bob Gassoff	D	13	0	2	2	39
4	Bruce Atteck	D	13	0	3	3	2
5	Bob Pledger	D	4	0	1	1	2
6	Larry Patey	D	13	2	5	7	4
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	13	8	9	17	12
9	Red Berenson	C	13	5	5	10	2
10	Rod Seiling	D	13	1	5	6	4
12	Claude Larose	RW	13	5	2	7	6
15	Gilles Marotte	D	10	0	1	1	6
16	Pierre Plante	RW	13	9	3	12	10
17	Jerry Butler	RW	13	2	4	6	17
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	12	1	1	2	0
19	Derek Sanderson . . .	C	10	2	5	7	2
21	Bob MacMillan	LW	13	6	12	18	2
22	Pat Hume	D	13	1	0	0	8

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1976



ST. LOUIS BLUES

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	6	292	16	0	0	3.29
31	Ed Staniowski	G	11	548	34	0	0	3.72

		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Rick Smith	D	11	0	1	1	6
3	Bob Gassoff	D	14	0	2	2	41
4	Bruce Affleck	D	14	0	3	3	2
5	Bob Plager	D	4	0	1	1	2
6	Larry Patev	C	14	2	5	7	8
7	Garry Unger (C)	D	14	8	9	17	18
9	Red Berenson	C	14	7	6	13	2
10	Rod Seiling	D	14	1	6	7	4
12	Claude Larose	RW	14	5	2	7	6
15	Gilles Marotte	D	14	1	1	2	6
16	Pierre Plante	RW	14	9	4	13	12
17	Jerry Butler	RW	14	3	4	6	17
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	13	1	1	2	4
19	Derek Sanderson . . .	C	10	2	5	7	2
21	Bob MacMillan	LW	14	6	4	20	2

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1976

ST. LOUIS BLUES



No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
✓ 1	Ed Johnston	G	13	691	34	0	0	2.95
31	Eddie Staniowski . . .	G	17	989	68	1	0	4.13
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	28	0	3	3	84	0
4	Bruce Arnold	D	28	0	5	5	4	0
5	Bob Gassoff	D	8	0	1	1	2	0
6	Larry Rupp	C	28	8	5	13	14	0
7	Garry Lamer (D) . . .	C	28	12	12	24	36	4
9	Red Berenson	C	28	10	9	19	8	2
10	Red Serring	C	27	1	10	11	10	1
11	Brian Sutter	LW	3	0	0	0	0	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	28	10	5	15	10	1
15	Gilles Marotte	D	28	1	2	3	16	0
16	Pierre Plante	RW	28	1	4	15	23	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	28	1	9	12	32	0
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	27	3	3	6	4	0
19	Derek Sanderson . . .	C	22	1	1	19	8	2
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/C	28	7	1	26	4	5
22	Brian Ogilvie	RW	3	0	0	0	0	0
23	Bob Hess	D	23	1	12	3	10	1
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	21	3	17	20	4	1
27	Ted Irvine	LW	26	6	7	13	0	1

General manager, coach — Emile Francis
 Assistant coach — Red Berenson
 Head trainer — Tommy Woodcock

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1976

ST. LOUIS BLUES



No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Ed Johnston	G	15	811	40	0	0	2.96
31	Eddie Staniowski	G	21	1109	77	1	0	4.16
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	32	0	5	5	98	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	32	0	5	5	6	0
5	Bob Plager	D	11	0	1	1	4	0
6	Larry Pfeiffer	C	32	11	5	16	14	0
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	32	15	13	28	36	4
9	Red Berenson	C	32	10	9	19	2	2
10	Rod Seiling	D	31	1	13	14	12	0
11	Brian Sutter	LW	6	0	0	0	0	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	32	10	5	15	10	1
15	Gilles Marotte	D	29	1	2	3	16	0
16	Pierre Plante	RW	32	11	5	15	25	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	32	3	10	13	34	9
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	31	3	3	6	4	0
19	Derek Sanderson	C	26	9	12	19	24	2
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	32	8	21	29	4	6
22	Rob Haege	D	32	1	1	12	10	1

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1977

ST. LOUIS BLUES



No.	Player	Pos	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG
✓ 1	Ed Johnston	G	22	1231	57	0	0	2.78
31	Eddie Staniewski	G	23	1229	86	1	0	4.20
29	BOB GRANT	Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
2	Joe Zanussi	D	14	0	3	3	10	0
3	Bob Gassoff	D	41	3	6	9	142	0
4	Bruce Aylsh	D	41	0	6	6	8	0
5	Bob MacMillan	D	20	0	1	1	11	0
6	Larry Pacey	D	41	16	8	24	18	0
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	41	16	13	29	42	5
9	Red Berenson	C	41	11	14	25	4	2
10	Rod Seiling	D	40	1	18	19	16	1
12	Claude Larose	RW	41	14	9	23	12	1
14	Doug Palazzari	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Gilles Marotte	D	36	1	2	3	18	0
16	Pierre Plante	RW	41	14	5	19	47	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	41	4	12	16	38	1
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	39	3	3	10	11	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	41	9	23	34	4	7
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	34	3	1	20	6	1
27	Ted Irvine	LW	37	9	9	18	17	1

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1977

ST. LOUIS BLUES

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	23	1291	62	0	0	2.88
29	Doug Grant	G	0	0	0	0	0	0

			GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
2	Joe Zanussi	D	15	0	4	4	10	0
3	Bob Gassoff	D	42	3	6	9	142	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	42	0	7	7	8	0
5	Bob Plager	D	21	0	1	1	11	0
6	Larry Pate	C	42	16	8	24	18	0
7	Gerry Unke	C	42	16	13	29	42	5
9	Red Berenson	C	42	11	16	27	6	2
10	Red Sealander	D	41	1	18	19	47	1
12	Claude Larose	RW	42	14	9	23	14	1
14	Doug Plazzari	C	2	0	0	0	0	0
15	Gilles Marotte		37	1	2	3	18	0
16	Pierre Plante	RW	42	14	5	19	47	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	42	4	12	16	38	0
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	42	5	5	10	11	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	42	10	24	35	4	7
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	35	5	17	21	6	1
27	Ted Irvine	LW	38	9	18	17	1	1

General manager, coach — Emile Francis
 Assistant coach — Red Berenson
 Head trainer — Tommy Woodcock

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1977

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ST. LOUIS BLUES



No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	23	1291	62	0	0	2.88
✓29	Doug Grant	G	1	60	2	0	0	2.00
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
2	Joe Carroli	D	16	0	4	4	10	0
3	Bob Carroli	D	43	3	8	11	146	0
4	Bruce A. Leach	D	43	0	7	7	8	0
5	Bob Plager	D	22	1	1	2	11	0
6	Larry Rota	C	43	16	11	27	18	0
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	43	17	15	32	42	5
9	Red Berenson	C	43	11	16	27	6	2
10	Rod Seiling	D	42	1	18	19	18	1
12	Claude Larose	RW	43	15	9	23	14	1
14	Doug Palazzari	C	43	0	0	0	0	0
15	Gilles Marotte	D	43	1	3	4	22	0
16	Pierre Plante	RW	43	12	5	19	47	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	43	11	11	18	38	0
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	41	6	9	11	11	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	43	11	28	27	4	7
23	Bob Hess	D	28	1	12	3	10	1
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	36	5	18	23	6	3
27	Ted Irvine	LW	39	9	10	19	17	1

General manager, coach — Emile Francis

Assistant coach — Red Berenson

Head trainer — Tommy Woodcock

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1977



ST. LOUIS BLUES

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	23	1291	62	0	0	2.88
29	Doug Grant	G	4	240	8	0	1	2.00
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
2	Joe Zanussi	D	18	0	4	4	10	0
3	Bob Gassoff	D	45	3	8	11	158	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	46	0	8	8	10	0
5	Bob Wagner	D	25	1	1	2	11	0
6	Larry Fretz	C	46	16	14	30	22	0
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	46	19	16	35	42	5
9	Red Berenson	C	46	12	18	30	6	2
10	Rod Seiling	F	45	1	19	20	20	1
12	Claude Larose	RW	16	17	9	26	16	1
14	Doug Palazzari	C	8	0	0	0	0	0
15	Gilles Marotte	D	44	2	3	5	24	0
16	Pierre Plante	RW	46	14	9	23	49	4

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1977



ST. LOUIS BLUES

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	23	1291	62	0	0	2.88
29	Doug Grant	G	6	360	14	1	1	2.33
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
2	Joe Zanussi	D	18	0	4	4	10	0
3	Bob Cassoff	D	47	3	8	11	173	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	48	0	10	10	10	0
5	Bob Plager	D	27	1	1	2	11	0
6	Larry Patey	C	48	16	16	32	24	0
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	48	21	16	37	42	5
9	Red Berenson	C	48	12	18	30	6	2
10	Rod Seiling	D	47	1	19	20	22	1
12	Claude Larose	RW	48	18	10	28	18	1
14	Doug Palazzari	C	8	1	0	1	0	0
15	Gilles Marotte	D	43	3	4	7	24	0
16	Pierre Plante	RW	48	14	11	25	54	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	47	7	13	20	38	0
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	45	6	6	12	11	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	48	12	28	40	4	7

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ST. LOUIS BLUES



No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	27	1571	74	1	0	2.83
✓29	Doug Grant	G	8	440	22	1	1	3.00
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	52	3	8	11	177	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	53	0	10	10	12	0
5	Bob Prager	D	32	1	2	3	13	0
6	Larry Patry	C	53	16	18	34	26	0
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	53	24	18	42	44	5
9	Red Berenson	C	53	12	19	31	6	2
10	Rod Seiling	D	52	2	21	23	22	2
11	Brian Sutter	LW	8	0	1	1	0	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	53	19	12	31	18	1
16	Pierre Plante	RW	53	14	14	28	60	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	53	7	14	21	55	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	53	15	28	43	4	8
23	Bob Hess	D	35	1	12	13	12	1
24	Bernie Federko	C	4		1	2	0	0
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	46	7	22	29	8	3
27	Ted Irvine	LW	49	11	12	22	30	1

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ST. LOUIS BLUES

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG
1	Eddie Johnston	G	27	1571	74	1	0	2.83
29	Doug Grant	G	9	500	27	1	1	3.24
✓30	Yves Belanger	G	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

	Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	
3	Bob Gassoff	D	53	4	8	12	177	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	54	1	11	12	12	0
5	Bob Clarke	D	33	1	4	5	13	0
6	Larry R. Holt	C	54	16	19	35	26	0
7	Garry Unger (C)	C	54	24	18	42	44	5
9	Red Berenson	C	54	12	20	32	6	2
10	Rod Seiling	C	53	2	21	23	22	2
11	Brian Sutter	LW	9	0	2	2	6	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	54	19	13	32	18	1
16	Pierre Plante	RW	54	4	14	28	62	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	54	7	15	22	55	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	54	15	28	43	4	8
23	Bob Hess	D	36	1	14	15	12	1
24	Bernie Federko	C	5	4	1	5	0	2
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	47	7	24	29	8	3
27	Ted Irvine	LW	50	12	12	24	30	1
28	Rick Bourbonnais . . .	RW	5	0	2	2	0	0

General manager, coach — Emile Francis

Assistant coach — Red Berenson

Head trainer — Tommy Woodcock

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No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	27	1571	74	1	0	2.83
29	Doug Grant	G	9	500	27	1	1	3.24
30	Yves Belanger*	G	1	60	3	0	0	3.00
*1 Assist								
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	54	4	8	12	179	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	55	2	13	15	12	1
5	Bob	D	34	1	4	5	13	0
6	Larry	C	55	16	22	38	28	0
7	Garry	C	55	24	19	43	44	5
9	Red Berenson	F	55	12	20	32	6	2
10	Rod Seiling	D	54	2	21	23	22	2
11	Brian Sutter	LW	9	0	3	3	6	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	55	22	13	35	18	1
16	Pierre Plante	RW	55	14	15	29	62	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	55	7	15	22	55	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	55	5	29	44	4	8
23	Bob Hess	D	37	1	14	15	12	1
24	Bernie Federko	C	6	4	5	5	0	2
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	48	7	22	29	10	3
27	Ted Irvine	LW	51	15	15	30	10	3

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ST. LOUIS BLUES



No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	29	1670	78	1	0	2.80
30	Yves Belanger*	G	3	140	7	0	0	3.00

*1 Assist

		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	57	5	12	17	183	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	58	3	13	16	14	1
5	Bob Platter	D	37	1	6	7	15	0
6	Larry Remy	C	58	17	24	41	30	0
7	Garry Unger (#)	C	58	24	20	44	44	5
9	Red Berenson	C	58	15	20	35	6	2
10	Red Seiling	D	57	2	21	23	22	2
11	Brian Sutter	LW	12	0	4	4	31	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	58	25	13	38	18	1
16	Pierre Plante	RW	58	15	15	30	64	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	58	7	17	24	55	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	58	15	32	47	9	8
23	Bob Hess	D	39	2	14	16	12	1
24	Bernie Federko	C	9	6	2	7	2	2

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ST. LOUIS BLUES



No.	Player	Pos	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG
1	Eddie Johnston	G	34	1911	92	1	1	2.89
✓29	Doug Grant	G	10	560	29	1	1	3.10
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	63	5	13	18	206	0
4	Bruce Billeck	D	64	4	15	19	16	1
5	Bob	D	43	1	6	7	19	0
6	Larry Rater	C	64	17	24	41	37	0
7	Elmer Voge (C)	C	64	25	21	46	46	5
9	Red Berenson	G	64	17	22	39	6	3
10	Red Gilmay	D	63	2	23	25	30	2
11	Brian Sutter	D	19	2	6	8	40	0
12	Glen	D	64	25	12	22	12	4

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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1977

ST. LOUIS BLUES

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	35	1971	95	1	1	2.89
29	Doug Grant	G	11	620	30	1	1	2.90
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	65	5	14	19	208	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	66	4	15	19	18	1
5	Bob Plager	D	45	1	6	7	21	0
6	Larry Patey	C	66	17	24	41	41	0
7	Garry Underhill	C	66	26	21	47	50	6
9	Red Berenson	C	66	17	23	40	6	3
10	Red Seiling	C	65	2	23	25	32	2
11	Brian Sutter	LW	21	2	6	8	44	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	66	26	14	40	18	1
16	Pierre Plante	RW	65	16	17	33	64	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	66	8	19	27	55	0
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	50	6	6	12	1	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	66	8	33	49	9	8
24	Bernie Federko	C	17	3	4	12	6	4
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	59	25	33	12	3	
26	Jamie Masters	D	4	0	1	0	0	
27	Ted Irvine	LW	62	14	14	28	34	1
28	Rick Bourbonnais . . .	RW	19	2	5	2	1	

General manager, coach — Emile Francis

Assistant coach — Red Berenson

Head trainer — Tommy Woodcock

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No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Ed Johnston	G	35	1971	95	1	1	2.89
✓29	Doug Grant	G	13	740	34	1	1	2.76
31	Eddie Stanowski	G	23	1229	86	1	0	4.20
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	67	5	15	20	212	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	68	4	15	19	18	1
5	Bob Planer	D	46	1	6	7	21	0
6	Larry Pate	C	68	19	24	43	41	0
7	Garry Yager	C	68	26	22	48	50	6
9	Red Dutton	C	68	19	23	42	6	3
10	Rod Seiling	D	67	2	25	27	34	2
11	Brian Sutter	LW	23	2	6	8	44	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	68	26	15	41	18	1
16	Pierre Plante	RW	67	16	18	34	64	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	68	8	19	27	55	0
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	67	6	7	13	11	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	68	1	34	50	9	8
23	Bob Hess	D	45	7	14	16	12	0
24	Bernie Federko	C	19	9	1	12	6	4
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	61	9	2	35	12	3
26	Jamie Masters	D	6	0	1	0	0	0
27	Ted Irvine	LW	63	14	14	25	36	1
28	Rick Bourbonnais	RW	21	2	5	7	0	1

General manager, coach — Emile Francis
 Assistant coach — Red Berenson
 Head trainer — Tommy Woodcock

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ST. LOUIS BLUES




No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Ed Johnston	G	35	1971	95	1	1	2.89
✓29	Doug Grant	G	14	800	37	1	1	2.78
31	Eddie Stanowski	G	23	1229	86	1	0	4.20
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	68	5	15	20	214	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	69	4	15	19	18	1
5	Bob Platt	D	47	1	7	8	21	0
6	Larry Rupp	D	69	19	24	43	41	0
7	Garry Ing	C	69	26	22	48	50	6
9	Red Berenson	C	69	19	23	42	6	3
10	Red Gelling	D	68	3	25	28	34	2
11	Brian Sutter	LW	24	2	7	9	46	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	69	26	15	41	18	1
16	Pierre Plante	RW	67	16	18	34	64	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	69	8	19	27	57	0
18	Floyd Thomson	LW	52	6	7	13	11	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW	69	17	34	51	9	9
23	Bob Hess	D	45	2	14	16	12	0
24	Bernie Federko	C	20			13	6	4
25	Chuck Lefley	LW	62	9	2	36	12	3
26	Jamie Masters	D	7	0		2	0	0
27	Ted Irvine	LW	63	14	14	27	36	1
28	Rick Bourbonnais	RW	22	3	5	8	2	2

General manager, coach — Emile Francis
 Assistant coach — Red Berenson
 Head trainer — Tommy Woodcock

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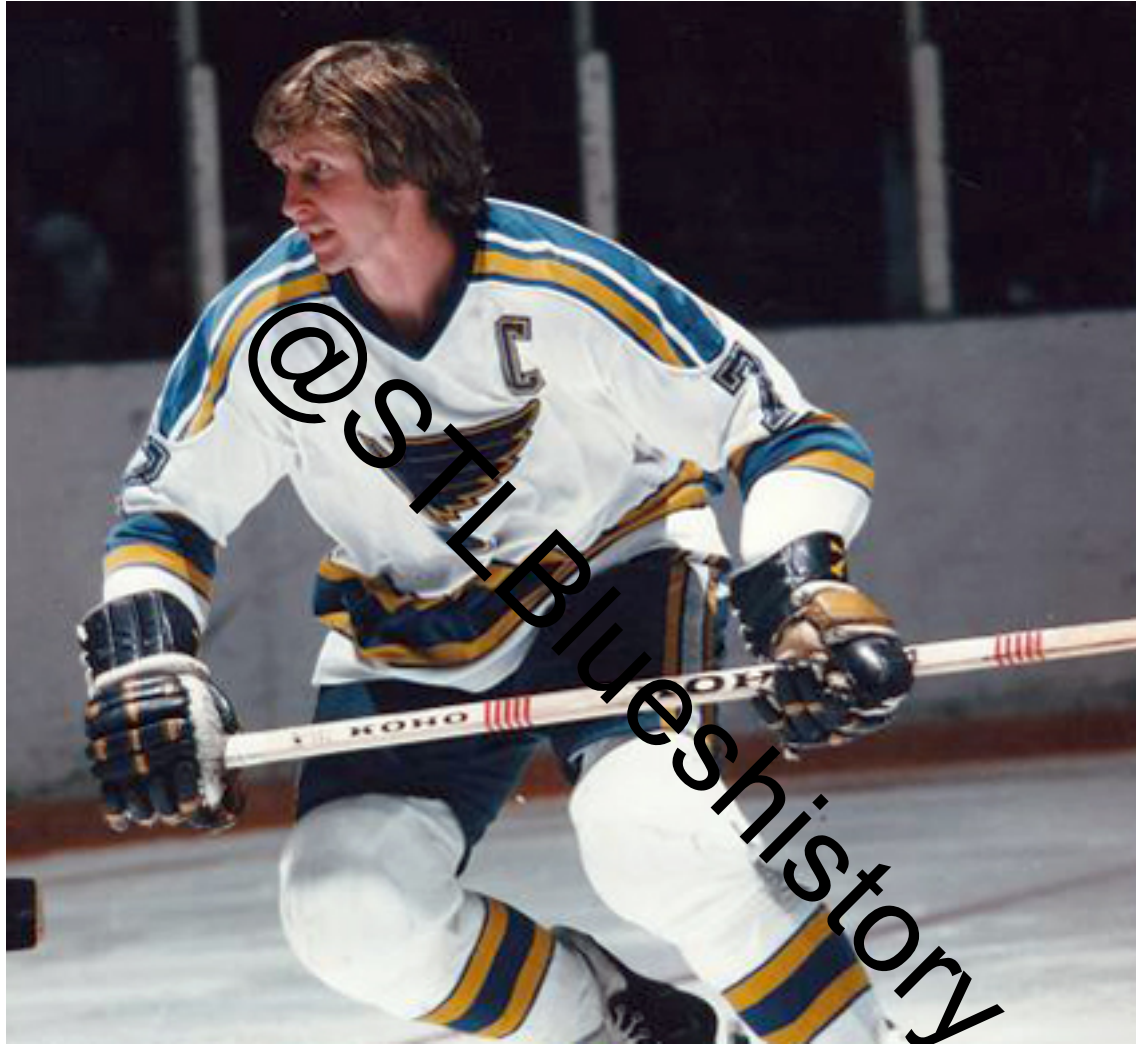
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No.	Player	Pos.	GP	MP	GA	ENG	SO	AVG.
1	Eddie Johnston	G	36	2031	102	1	1	4.24
29	Doug Grant	G	16	920	45	1	1	2.93
✓ 31	Ed Staniowski	G	24	1289	91	1	0	4.24
		Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
3	Bob Gassoff	D	72	5	17	22	244	0
4	Bruce Affleck	D	73	5	16	21	22	1
5	Bob Plager	D	51	1	8	9	21	0
6	Larry Pless	C	73	20	26	46	41	0
7	Garry Liger	C	73	26	24	50	54	6
9	Red	C	73	20	24	44	6	3
10	Rod	D	72	3	25	28	36	2
11	Brian Sutter	LW	28	2	7	9	75	0
12	Claude Larose	RW	73	28	16	44	18	1
16	Pierre Plante	RW	70	17	20	37	66	4
17	Jerry Butler	RW	73	10	19	29	59	0
18	Floyd Thomson	LW			7	13	11	0
21	Bob MacMillan	LW/RW			37	54	11	9
23	Bob Hess	D			15	17	12	1
24	Bernie Federko	C			5	13	13	4
25	Chuck Lefley	LW				28	12	3
26	Jamie Masters	D					0	1
27	Ted Irvine	C		14	14	28	38	1
28	Rick Bourbonnais	RW		4	5	9	2	2

General manager, coach - ~~Clayton Kopp~~
 Assistant coach - Red Gervais
 Head trainer - Tommie Vanecko

Undated photo (We know it's not from 1970-72 range) KOHO sticks did not make it to NHL until 1972 and that is not one of the early versions. The gloves are not 1970-72 and neither is his hair. That of course leads us to 1976-77 time frame.

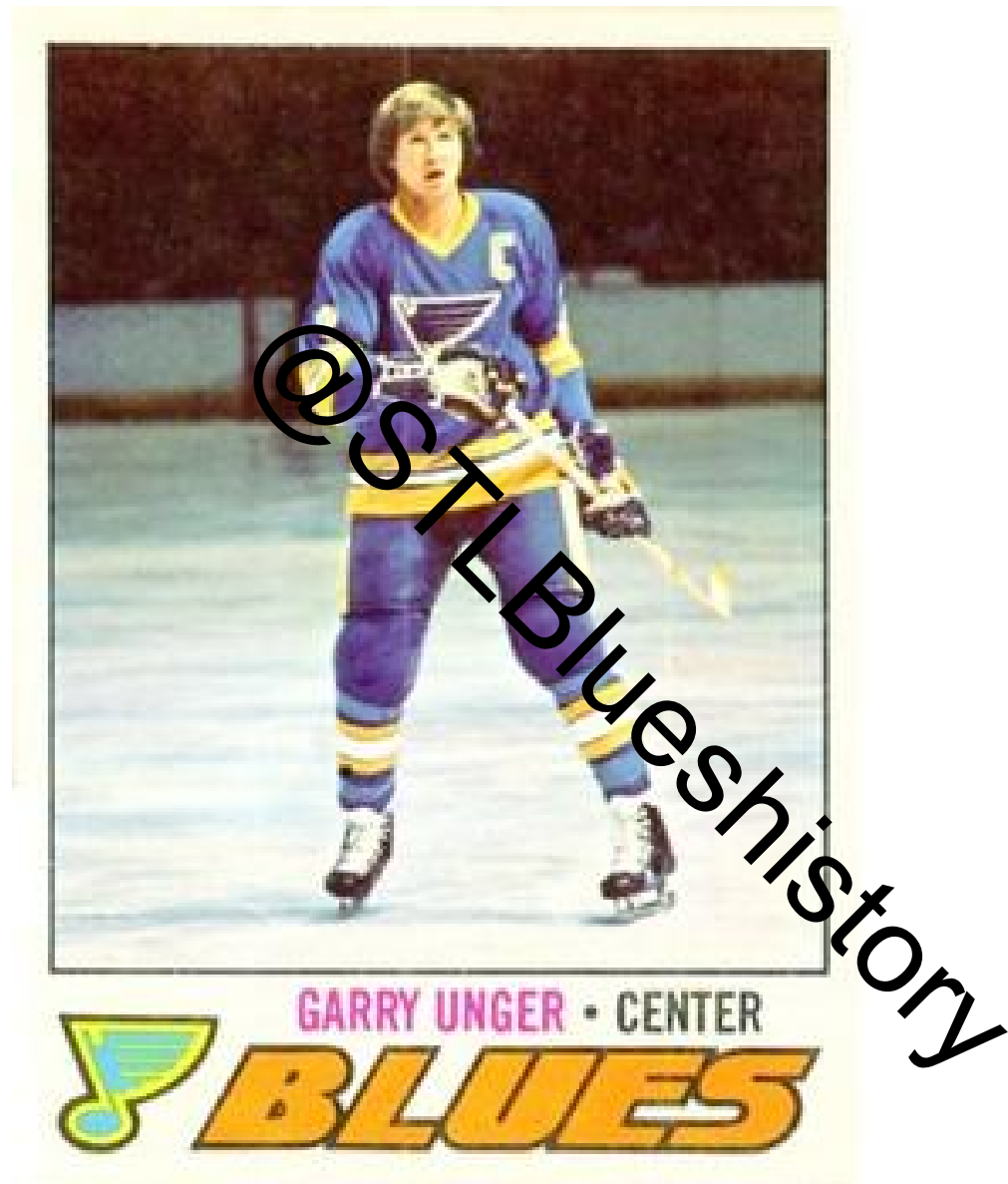




Gary Unger has gained the reputation as one of the NHL's premier centremen, noted primarily for his skating and stickhandling ability. Here we see Rick Blight trying to force Unger off the puck, which is no easy task.

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This is not a picture from the 1970-72 timeframe.



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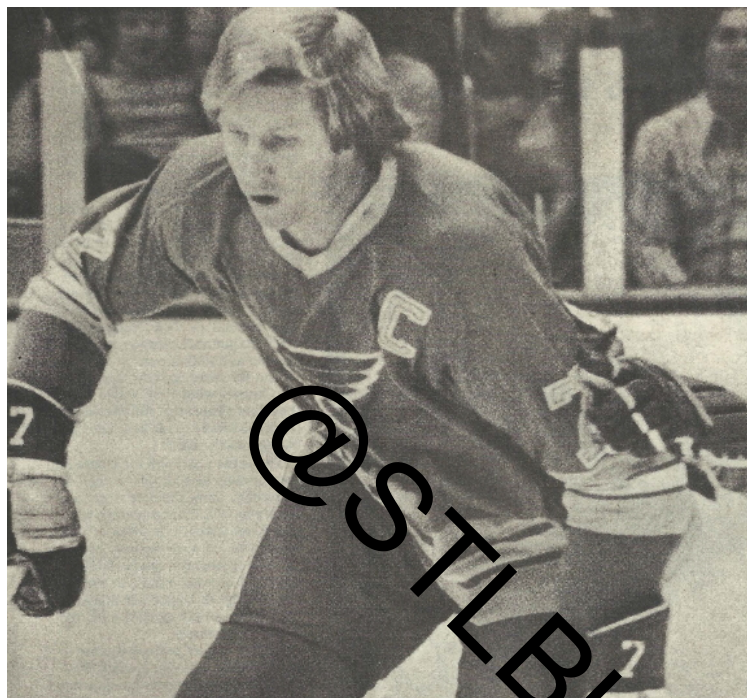


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GARRY UNGER

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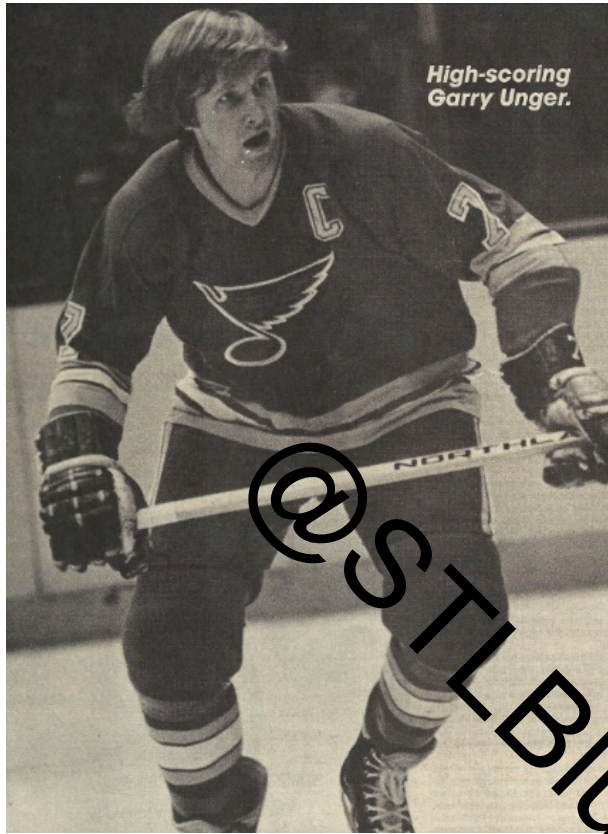


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(Pictured with Garry Howatt of NY Islanders; his 1st year was 1972-73 when he wore #23 so not from 1970-72 timeframe)



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